



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 06-6

March 2, 2006

Petition of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middlefield pursuant to G.L. c. 159, § 24, regarding the quality of Verizon's telephone service.

On January 17, 2006, the Board of Selectmen ("Board") of the Town of Middlefield filed a Petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for an investigation pursuant to G.L. c. 159, § 24. The Board requests the Department to investigate the quality of the telephone service provided to the residents of Middlefield by Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a/ Verizon Massachusetts. The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments pursuant to the Board's Petition on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the following location: Town Hall, 188 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, Massachusetts. The public is invited to attend and comment. The Department will hold a procedural conference immediately following the public hearing. Persons wishing to comment on this matter may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, March 24, 2006.

Any person who desires to participate in any subsequent adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above Petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, March 23, 2006. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

If possible, please submit a copy of all nonproprietary written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and carol.pieper@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 06-6; (2) the name of the person or

company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:
Carol M. Pieper, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South
Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, tel. (617) 305-3561.

By Order of the Department

/s/
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary